GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA

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MODEL SCHOOLS
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is planning to set up 6000 new model schools in the country;

(b) if so, the number of schools proposed to be set up in the State of Andhra Pradesh;

(c) the manner in which the proposed model schools are likely to be different from the existing schools; and

(d) the steps taken/proposed to be taken to reduce the elementary dropout rate from the present 51 per cent to 20 per cent by 2011?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M.A.A. FATMI)

(a)to(c) The Prime Minister in his Independence Day speech on 15.8.2007 has announced the decision of the Government to support 6,000 high quality model schools at the rate of one in every block throughout the country to set standards of excellence for other schools in the area.

(d) Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan, which is a National programme for achieving universal elementary education by 2010, inter-alia, provides for opening of new schools, strengthening of school infrastructure, appointment of additional teachers, promotion of girls` education, supply of free text-books for girls, SC & ST students, interventions for enrollment of out of school children etc. These measures are expected to reduce the drop-out rate in elementary education.